

To the editor:

The Courant article on cuts to funding for education of LPNs spotlights the Rell administrations callous approach to Connecticut's economy (Rell Suspends Adult Education Program For Licensed Practical Nurses – Dec. 1, 2009). The outgoing Governor thinks that by making draconian cuts to vital services, she can solve the budget deficit. But she ignores the costs in jobs and the impact on the state's overall economy.

Governor Rell's cuts to services have cost the state 30,000 jobs. With the elimination of funding for LPN adult education, she is eliminating not only the position of the 44 teachers who provide that education but is also directly impacting the current 400 students who rely on those funds and those who wished to participate in the future. These are people who will be unable to contribute to the state's economy through income and sales tax. AND they won't be able to care for the population they set out to serve. Everyone loses. How does that demonstrate good leadership?

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